

place on page 140, line 8, after “appropriated” the following: “\$30 million shall be provided for the fishery finance program loans under title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, (46 U.S.C. App. 1271 et seq.) to satisfy loan obligations for loans used to make expenditures, guarantee or finance to repair, replace or restore fisheries infrastructure, vessels, facilities, or fish processing facilities home-ported or located within the declared fisheries disaster area.”

SA 3820. Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAYH, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 165, line 9, strike “\$10,000,000” and all that follows through line 14 and insert the following: “\$11,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That \$1,000,000 shall be for the efforts of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, ongoing on the date of enactment of this Act to assist individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina of 2005, in locating members of their family: Provided further, That not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General of the United States, shall conduct an assessment regarding how to modify the Louisiana family assistance call center model and the model used by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for use in major disasters (as that term is defined in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)) occurring after the date of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That not later than 1 year after the date of the conclusion of the assessment conducted under the preceding proviso, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General of the United States, shall issue regulations to implement the findings of such assessment, to the maximum extent practicable: Provided further, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement under section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution in the budget for fiscal year 2006.”

SA 3821. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM EXPANSION

SEC. ____ Section 217(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(8) PROBATIONARY ADMISSION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a country may be designated as a program country, on a probationary basis, under this section if—

“(i) the country is a member of the European Union;

“(ii) the country is providing material support, including more than a nominal number

of military personnel, to the United States or the multilateral forces in Afghanistan or Iraq, as determined by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State;

“(iii) the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, determines that participation of the country in the visa waiver program under this section does not compromise the law enforcement interests of the United States.

“(B) REFUSAL RATES; OVERSTAY RATES.—The determination under subparagraph (A)(iii) shall not take into account any refusal rates or overstay rates prior to the expiration of the first full year of the country’s admission into the European Union.

“(C) FULL COMPLIANCE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of a country’s designation under subparagraph (A), the country—

“(i) shall be in full compliance with all applicable requirements for program country status under this section; or

“(ii) shall have its program country designation terminated.

“(D) EXTENSIONS.—The Secretary of State may extend, for a period not to exceed 2 years, the probationary designation granted under subparagraph (A) if the country—

“(i) is making significant progress towards coming into full compliance with all applicable requirements for program country status under this section;

“(ii) is likely to achieve full compliance before the end of such 2-year period; and

“(iii) continues to be an ally of the United States against terrorist states, organizations, and individuals, as determined by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State.”

SA 3822. Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. ALLARD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

TITLE —IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

SEC. —101. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the “Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2006”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this title is as follows:

Sec. —101. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. —102. Findings and purpose.

Sec. —103. Security assessments.

Sec. —104. Security assistance grants.

Sec. —105. Intelligence sharing.

Sec. —106. Research, development, and demonstration grants.

Sec. —107. Reporting requirements.

Sec. —108. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. —109. Sunset provision.

SEC. —102. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) public transportation systems throughout the world have been a primary target of terrorist attacks, causing countless deaths and injuries;

(2) 5,800 public transportation agencies operate in the United States;

(3) 14,000,000 people in the United States ride public transportation each work day;

(4) safe and secure public transportation systems are essential for the Nation’s economy and for significant national and international public events;

(5) the Federal Transit Administration has invested \$74,900,000,000 since 1992 for con-

struction and improvements to the Nation’s public transportation systems;

(6) the Federal Government appropriately invested \$18,100,000,000 in fiscal years 2002 through 2005 to protect our Nation’s aviation system and its 1,800,000 daily passengers;

(7) the Federal Government has allocated \$250,000,000 in fiscal years 2003 through 2005 to protect public transportation systems in the United States;

(8) the Federal Government has invested \$7.38 in aviation security improvements per passenger, but only \$0.007 in public transportation security improvements per passenger;

(9) the Government Accountability Office, the Mineta Institute for Surface Transportation Policy Studies, the American Public Transportation Association, and many transportation experts have reported an urgent need for significant investment in public transportation security improvements; and

(10) the Federal Government has a duty to deter and mitigate, to the greatest extent practicable, threats against the Nation’s public transportation systems.

SEC. —103. SECURITY ASSESSMENTS.

(a) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ASSESSMENTS.—

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation shall submit all public transportation security assessments and all other relevant information to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(2) REVIEW.—Not later than July 31, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall review and augment the security assessments received under paragraph (1).

(3) ALLOCATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall use the security assessments received under paragraph (1) as the basis for allocating grant funds under section —104, unless the Secretary notifies the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate that the Secretary has determined that an adjustment is necessary to respond to an urgent threat or other significant factors.

(4) SECURITY IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES.—Not later than September 30, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security, after consultation with the management and employee representatives of each public transportation system for which a security assessment has been received under paragraph (1), shall establish security improvement priorities that will be used by public transportation agencies for any funding provided under section —104.

(5) UPDATES.—Not later than July 31, 2007, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

(A) update the security assessments referred to in this subsection; and

(B) conduct security assessments of all public transportation agencies considered to be at greatest risk of a terrorist attack.

(b) USE OF SECURITY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall use the information collected under subsection (a)—

(1) to establish the process for developing security guidelines for public transportation security; and

(2) to design a security improvement strategy that—

(A) minimizes terrorist threats to public transportation systems; and

(B) maximizes the efforts of public transportation systems to mitigate damage from terrorist attacks.

(c) BUS AND RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.—Not later than July 31, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct security assessments, appropriate to the size and nature of each system, to determine the specific needs of—